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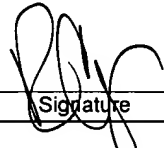
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 2, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2000 for which the three-month date for response was September 2, 2000.

A request for a **two month extension of time** to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This two month extension will bring the due date to November 2, 2000, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/INNS025--2/KAM.

